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Attachment to Z-10425/82 NPIC/PEG (03/82)

PROBABLE COMBATANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION LENINGRAD SHIPYARD BALTIC ORDZHONIKID 189, USSR

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- 1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: A PROBABLE MAJOR COMBATANT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION HERE.
- 2. (S/D) REMARKS: CONSTRUCTION OF A PROBABLE LARGE COMBATANT, WHICH HAS AN INCOMPLETE LENGTH OF 169 METERS AND A BEAM OF 30 METERS, BEGAN ON THE BUILDINGWAY AT REPORTING POSITION (RP) 21 AFTER THE LAUNCH OF KIROV NUCLEAR GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER (CGN) UNIT 2 IN JUNE 1981. THE AMIDSHIPS SECTION OF THIS SHIP HAS BEEN COMPLETED UP TO THE MAIN DECK LEVEL. IN ADDITION, A STEP DOWN TO A POSSIBLE HELICOPTER DECK AFT AND A POSSIBLE HELICOPTER DECK AFT AND A POSSIBLE HELICOPTER ELEVATOR OPENING ARE DISCERNIBLE. THE COMPARTMENTATION OF THIS SHIP IS MORE INDICATIVE OF A COMBATANT THAN THAT OF A LOGISTICS SUPPORT SHIP, PREVIOUSLY ASSESSED TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THIS BUILDINGWAY.

KIROV CGN UNITS 1 AND 2 ARE THE ONLY MODERN COMBATANTS BUILT AT THIS SHIPYARD. IN SEPTEMBER 1981, THE STERN LAUNCH ASSIST DEVICE USED DURING THE LAUNCH OF KIROV CGN UNITS 1 AND 2 WAS PLACED AT THE FOOT OF THE BUILDINGWAY. THE STERN LAUNCH ASSIST DEVICE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MOVED APPROXIMATELY ONE-QUARTER OF THE WAY UP THE BUILDINGWAY. THE MID-BODY AND BOW ASSIST DEVICES (ALL NOT ON GRAPHIC) USED FOR THE LAUNCH OF KIROV UNITS 1 AND 2 ARE ON THE QUAY NEXT TO THE BUILDINGWAY. THESE DEVICES HAVE BEEN USED ONLY IN THE LAUNCH OF THE TWO KIROV CGN. ALTHOUGH NUMEROUS SIMILARITIES EXIST BETWEEN THIS SHIP AND THE TWO KIROV CGN, THIS UNIT CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED AS A KIROV CGN. THE DISTINCTIVE KIROV BOTTOM PLATE WAS NOT OBSERVED DURING EARLY CONSTRUCTION STAGES, AND THE BEAM OF THIS SHIP IS TWO METERS WIDER THAN THE MAXIMUM BEAM OF THE KIROV CGN.

3. COORDINATES 59-55-18N 030-15-39E

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